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Weekly Planner

SUNDAY 3/13 • 5th Sunday of Lent

Daylight Savings Begins - Set ahead 1 hour

10 AM CCD Mass *Church/Cent Hall*
10 AM-1 PM H.N.S. Mass/Mtg *Church/Cent Hall*
1-3 PM Fil-Am Mtg *Cent Hall*

MONDAY 3/14

1-3 PM St. Anne Seniors *Cent Hall*
3:30-4:30 PM Legion of Mary *Convent*
6-8 PM Brownie Mtg *Cent Hall*

TUESDAY 3/15

12:15 PM Bingo *Cent Hall*

WEDNESDAY 3/16

6-8 PM Daisy/Jr Mtg *Cent Hall*

THURSDAY 3/17 • St. Patrick's Day

9:30-10:30 AM Holy Hour for Priests *Convent*
4 PM Rosary Mtg *Cent Hall*

FRIDAY 3/18

12:15 PM Bingo *Cent Hall*
1 & 7 PM Stations of the Cross *Church*
3 PM Setup for Anointing Mass *Cent Hall*
5-8 PM H.N.S. Lenten Fish Fri *Cent Hall*
7:30 PM J&M Prayer Mtg *Convent*

SATURDAY 3/19 • Feast of St. Joseph

9 AM St. Joseph Blessed Bread Distribution *Church*
2 PM-4 PM Mass of Anointing *Cent Hall*
4 PM Parish Lenten Penance Service *Church*

SUNDAY 3/20 • Palm Sunday

10 AM CCD Mass *Church/Cent Hall*

Liturgies

Saturday Evening Church English 5:30 PM
(anticipating Sunday) Misa Español 7 PM
Sunday Church 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 Noon
Monday ▶ Saturday: Mass *Church* 9 AM
Wednesday: Mass *Church* 7 PM

Holy Hour

Thursdays Convent Chapel 9:30 AM

Sacrament of Penance

Saturdays *Church (or by Appointment)* 5 PM

Schedule of Masses March 14th - 20th, 2016

Monday, March 14

9 AM †Giuseppina DiGeronimo *Virginia Sarni*

Tuesday, March 15

9 AM †Luisa Fusco *Fusco Family*

Wednesday, March 16

9 AM †Ruperto dela Cruz *Family*
7 PM Special Intention *OL Perpetual Help gp*

Thursday, March 17

9 AM John Shin *Family*

Friday, March 18

9 AM †Christina Burke

Saturday, March 19

9 AM †Giuseppe & Camilla Belfiore *Toni*

5:30 PM †Infante & Ippolito Families *Frank & Gemma Infante*

7 PM †Rosalbe Alzate *Family*

Sunday, March 20

8 AM †Christina Burke
10 AM Angela Aversano *Family*
12 PM †LaPlaca Family *Store #0178 T.J. Maxx*

Sunday Readings

First Reading: **Isiah 43: 16-21**
Psalm: **Psalm 126: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6**
Second Reading: **Philippians 3: 8-14**
Gospel: **John 9: 1-11**

Weekday Readings

Monday DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/ PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6/JN 8:12-20

Tuesday NM 2:1-4-9/PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/JN 8:21-30

Wednesday DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/ DN 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/JN 8:31-42

Thursday GN 17:3-9/PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/JN 8:51-59

Friday JER 20:10-13/PS 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7/JN 10:31-42

Saturday 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16/PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29/MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

Sanctuary Gifts for March 6th-12th, 2016

Gift	In Memory of	Requested By
Altar Wine	† Joe Sanchez	Ada, Melissa, Nicole & Family
Altar Bread	† John J. Musante	Parish Intention
Sanct. Lamp	† Philip Kidney	Parish Intention
Altar Candles	† Giuseppe Belfiore	Daughter-in-law, Toni

Sick List

Let us pray for the sick (People will remain on sick list for 2 weeks unless otherwise notified): Kathleen Link ● John Norton ● Patricia Kucinski ● Frank McNamara ● Jennifer O'Connor ● Donna Tuzzo ● Matt Bolger ● Lawrence Shin ● Lupe Pena ● Frances Kearns ● Josephine Cermak Rowan ● Steve & Rachel Mastin ● Diane Shea ● Joseph Callandrillo ● Humberto Quintana ● Julia Annicchiarico ● Javier Vega ● Jennifer Moloughney ● Antoinette Maddi ● Carol Jordan ● Anthony Biggio ● Sammy DeLeon ● Shane Quinn ● Alice Daly ● Sadie Krieger ● Dolores DelMonte ● Dianne O'Sullivan ● Carl Carlson ● Larry Bello ● Miyuki Campbell ● Diane Albert ● Meghan Connaughton ● Orlando Basile

Ministry to the Sick

We hope to give to all the sick and aged in our parish the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. If you or someone you know can no longer get to church, and would like a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion, please call **St. Anne's Rectory at 201-360-0838 or email: info@sahjerseycity.com**

March Prayer Intentions of the Holy Father

Universal: Families in Difficulty That Families in need may receive the necessary support and that children may grow up in healthy and peaceful environments.

Evangelization: Persecuted Christians That those Christians who, on account of their faith, are discriminated against or are being persecuted, may remain strong and faithful to the Gospel, thanks to the incessant prayer of the Church.

Social Media

Please follow the official Twitter channels of the parish:

- [sah_promise](#) Faith Formation Grade K-1
- [sah_goodnews](#) Faith Formation Grade 2-3
- [sah_venture](#) Faith Formation Grade 4-6
- [sah_visions](#) Faith Formation Grade 7-8
- [stah_nation](#) General parish feed

Website & Online Services

Website: sahjerseycity.com

Parish registration: sahjerseycity.com/register

CCD Registration: sahjerseycity.com/ccd

Parish Calendar and online

Readings of the Day: sahjerseycity.com/calendar

How much should I give in the collection basket each Sunday?

We ask each person working in the household to gift one hour's wage to the parish every week. How much is one hour? Below you can find the recommended contribution based on your annual combined income:

Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)	Annual combined income	Hourly Wage (Recommended weekly donation)
\$75,000	\$38	\$30,000	\$15
\$50,000	\$25	\$25,000	\$12
\$40,000	\$20	\$20,000	\$10

We are grateful for your contribution!

Collection Report for March 6th

5:30PM	\$1,151	10AM	\$1,235
7PM	\$117	12PM	\$1,011
8AM	\$915	Total	\$4,429

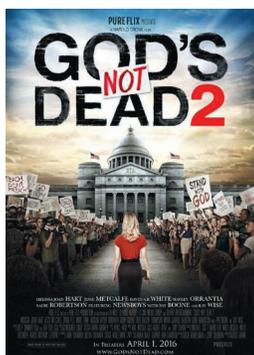
Religious Education News

Our Religious Ed Office is located inside St. Anne's Rectory. Office Hours: **M-T-W 9 am to 5 PM, TR & F, 10 am to 5 pm.**

Baptism Information

Baptisms take place on the 1st Sunday of every Month: 2 Baptisms per Mass at 10 AM & 12 Noon (English). Because they will be promising to help raise your child in the practice of the Faith, the church requires that at least one of your child's godparents be a 'fully initiated Roman Catholic;' i.e., one who has been Baptized and received the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. At the time of registering your child for Baptism, we ask that one of your chosen godparents provide a copy of their Confirmation certificate or some documentation indicating the month and year of their Confirmation. GODPARENTS & PARENTS are also required to attend a "baptism instruction" session on Saturday (the day before the Baptism) @ 4:00 PM in CHURCH (English & Spanish). A donation to the church for Baptism is always appreciated: please place your offering in an envelope marked 'BAPTISM' with your child's name and drop it in the Sunday collection basket. **Contact the office with any questions. Thank You.**

New Movie



A new feature-length movie, *God's Not Dead 2*, will premiere nationally in theaters on April 1, 2016. This movie is a sequel to 2014's *God's Not Dead*, which dealt with reaction when a college philosophy professor declares that God is a pre-scientific fiction and

requires students to support that declaration. *God's Not Dead 2* tells the story of a high school teacher who, after responding to a question from a student in class about Jesus, lands in deep trouble and could expel God from the public square once and for all. The teacher goes to court to be vindicated, and the school system officials and the court seem to be looking to banish not solely talk about religion, but even the existence of Christ. **More information about the movie is available at godsnotdeadthemovie.com**

Parish Lenten Penance Service

In preparation for Easter, join us for our Lenten Penance Service on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at 4:00 pm in the Church.



2016 Lenten Fish Fri

Join us for our Lenten Fish fri on March 18 5—8 PM in Centennial Hall.

How to join?

Tickets are on sale at the rectory **only**: Price \$7 in advance; \$8 at the door. The Rectory office hours are Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Thursday/Friday: 10:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

What's on the menu?

Fish, Fries, Cole Slaw, Tartar Sauce & Soda/Water. *You can dine in take out.*

We look forward to enjoying the company of our fellow parishioners and neighbors during this most holy season. **Please note that if you are attending the Stations of the Cross, please notify the kitchen staff BEFORE ATTENDING STATIONS. Thank you.**

Welcoming Catholics with Developmental Disabilities

As Catholics we are called to always be aware of and respond to the needs of people who feel marginalized. However, months dedicated to particular issues of awareness offer the opportunity for enhancing attention and education. March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. When a person lives with a disability or condition, the whole family is impacted. The term "developmental disabilities" is a broad category that refers to an often lifelong disability occurring before the age of 22 that can be intellectual, physical, or both.

Having a developmental disability does not minimize a person's



ability for meaningful participation in the Church. Yet as Church we do not always appreciate the many different forms of gifts that come from the people of God. At times we are too impatient to appreciate the richness the diversity of the human family provides.

Take a few minutes to watch this video, *A Life Like Yours* at tiny.cc/likeyours to see the many ways Maddie shares the gift of her presence, talents and interests. Let us be more aware of the richness and diversity within our Church and world.

March 21 is World Down Syndrome Day

As we see from the *A Life Like Yours* video, Maddie has a rich life. Her faith is important to her, as are her family and friends. But as mentioned in the video, lives are threatened each day by the reality of prenatal diagnosis and abortion. Up to 90% of pregnancies in which Down syndrome or a similar condition is detected end in abortion. Welcoming people with developmental disabilities is another way of promoting respect for life.

Holy Thursday Church Visit

COME Join us on Holy Thursday—March 24th while we visit the Churches of our Deanery: Our Lady of Mount Carmel • Saint John the Baptist • Saint Aedan • Saint Joseph • Saint Nicholas • Saint Paul • Saint Anne. **SIGN UP FOR BUS IN RECTORY!** (*First Come, First Serve*) Bus departs at 8:45 P.M. in front of St. Anne's Church!



The Archdiocese Has Long Recognized the Pain of Child Sexual Abuse

Since his arrival in 2001 and his participation in the drafting of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, Archbishop Myers has on many occasions either individually or with bishops in the United States, with the Holy Father, and with clergy throughout the world, acknowledged publicly the pain that sexual offenders inside the Church have inflicted on the innocent. At Chrism Masses before the entire presbyterate and parish representatives of the Archdiocese, in media interviews, in statements issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and in essays and columns, Archbishop Myers has stated that "a Church which spends the largest portion of its resources and the largest portion of its personnel in serving children, can never, and will never, condone anything which harms those children...We also extend our apology and our assurance of support and help to those who have been harmed and who are seeking healing and support."

Beyond words, however, are actions. Assistance to victims, training and background checks of staff and volunteers, reporting accusations to civil authorities, removing clergy with substantiated accusations—these are clear indications that the Archbishop and the Archdiocese abhor child abuse.

What's more, 20 years ago, the Archdiocese was one of the first dioceses in the country to establish a formal Review Board of experts with legal, law enforcement, clinical and investigative background to examine allegations of abuse and recommend to the Archbishop action under Church law.

The Adulterous Woman

BY **LOYOLA PRESS**

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses,



those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in MARK 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one. Jesus has eluded the trap they had pre-

pared. We might also give credit to the elders and the Pharisees who do not, in the end, claim to be sinless and worthy of passing judgment. These Pharisees are not as self-righteous as the portrait found in the parable of the pharisee and the tax collector (See LUKE 18:9-14).

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace.

Easter Mass and Prayer Service Schedule

During the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday), there will be a 9 AM Prayer Service each morning in Church.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7 PM Outdoor Living Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:15 PM Easter Vigil Mass

(Please note NO 5:30 PM Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

Liturgical Norm allows only one Mass for Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil. Therefore, under these circumstances, Easter Vigil Mass will be Bi-Lingual.

ST. ANNE'S FESTIVAL

SAVE THE DATE – APRIL 23, 2016!

"A NITE AT THE RACES" is scheduled in Centennial Hall; further info to follow!

Festival Meetings

St. Anne's Festival will take place July 22, 23, 24, 2016! Licenses are being processed; festival meetings will take place in Centennial Hall on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM beginning April 12th. Anyone interested in participating with the Festival, please attend the meetings.

Tribunal Pastoral Advocate Training

The Metropolitan Tribunal of Newark has organized a Training for Tribunal Pastoral Advocates. The Training will take place on May 16-20, 2016 at the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, 672 Passaic Avenue, Kearny. This Training also is open to the participation of attendees from the suffragan Dioceses of the Newark Archdiocese. This Training, open to clerics and to lay people as well, intends to form new advocates and to retrain those already working/volunteering in the Tribunal, to bring them up to date with the procedural novelty introduced in the Apostolic Letter *Motu Proprio Mitis Iudex*. We have received already many positive remarks from different bishops within the United States. In the near future this Training model will be repeated in other Dioceses. **For more information, please contact the parish office.**



Outdoor Stations of the Cross

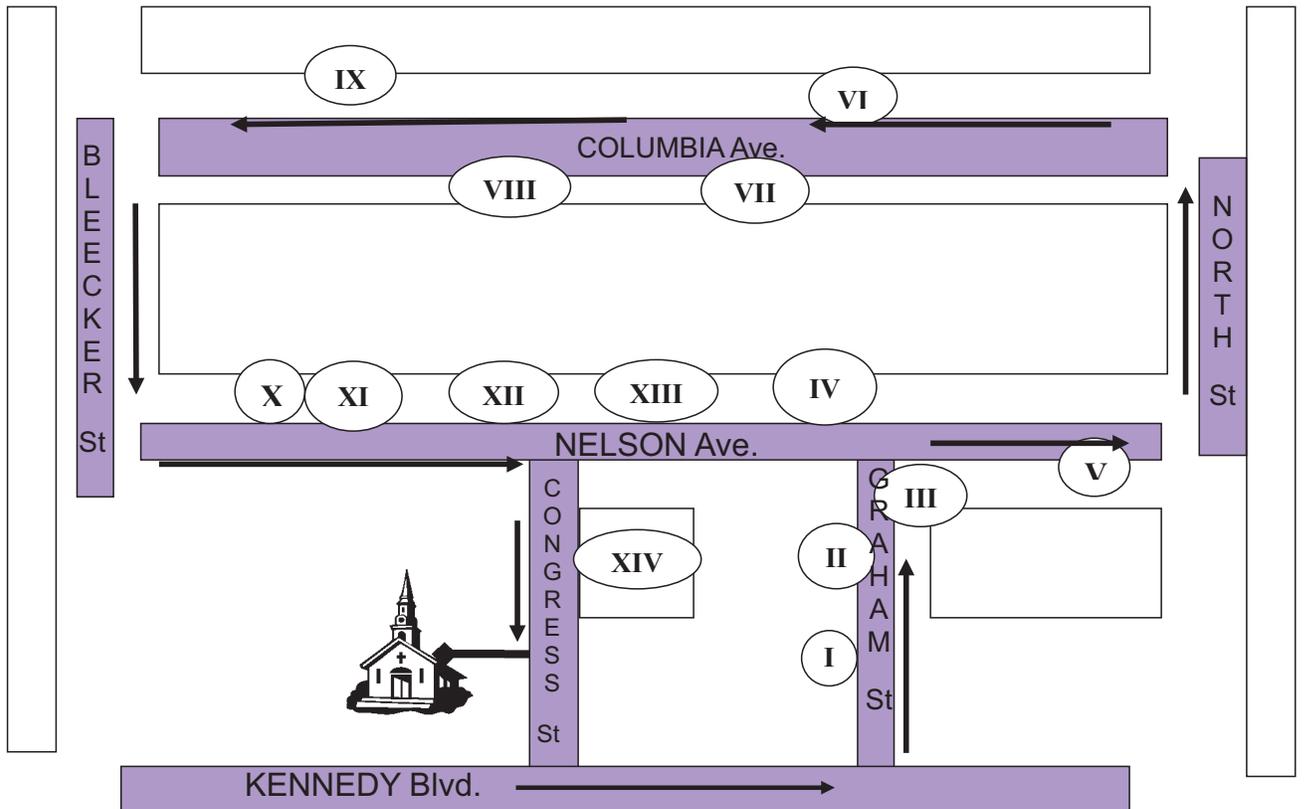
Christ Has Suffered And Died For Our Sins



Date: March 25, 2016 (Good Friday) Time: 7:00 PM (Assemble inside the Church)

“Come And Join Us To Accompany The Lord On His Journey”

Station 1	Blanco Family	119 Graham St.
Station 2	Kenny Family	123 Graham St.
Station 3	Vacca Family	122 Graham St.
Station 4	Floresca Family	51 Nelson Ave.
Station 5	Juchnewich Family	70 Nelson Ave.
Station 6	Tango Family	167 Columbia Ave.
Station 7	Bobbe Family	166 Columbia Ave.
Station 8	Gomez Family	160 Columbia Ave.
Station 9	Melendez Family	153 Columbia Ave.
Station 10	Stewart Family	19 Nelson Ave.
Station 11	Bartram Family	21 Nelson Ave.
Station 12	Waddleton Family	25 Nelson Ave.
Station 13	Maglori Family	47 Nelson Ave.
Station 14	St. Anne’s Convent	246 Congress St.



The Outdoor Stations of the Cross

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Begins 7:00 PM at
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